

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday January 26th 2003

Contest & DX News

KM1E is currently QRV from the Bahamas as C6AGN on 160 to 6 metres until the 4th of March.

8N1OGA has already scaled down its system. Most of antennas have been put off. The last QRV will be operated by Aki JD1AMA, who lives in Ogasawara, and Toshi JA1ELY on the 26th through the 29th of January. Any question regarding 8N1OGA to JA1ELY or EI8JC.

IRTS Awards Committee

It is required to have all trophies returned in good time to have any engraving or repairs done which may have been overlooked over the years, due to trophies being returned late or at the last minute.

You may wish to have your call sign engraved on the trophy, as is the custom, this should be on a miniature shield or on the silver band on the trophy base (not on the silverware).

This may seem like an early call, but in fact it takes some time to collect all the trophies, effect any necessary minor repairs and bring up to date any engraving which was missed over the years due to late returns.

Trophies may be returned to any IRTS Committee Member as soon as possible, or by parcel post to Peter EI4HX before the 14th of February. Thank you for your co operation, and best of luck in 2003.

Phoenix Amateur Radio Rally

The Phoenix Amateur Radio Rally and Equipment Sale will be held on Sunday the 16th of February with doors opening at 12 noon. The venue will be the Coolmine Community School, Dublin 15.

Traders may start to set up their stands from 9.30 a.m. There is free parking and there will be a bring and buy sale at the rally. Light refreshments will also be available.

For those travelling to the rally, leave the M50 at the Blanchardstown roundabout and that will leave you five minutes from the venue. Admission is €3 (euro) and there will be a talk-in station in operation. Further information is available from Tony EI7GI at 01-8252074.

Limerick Radio Club Rally

Limerick Radio Club are pleased to announce that their annual Trade Fair will be held in the Greenhills Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick on Sunday the 9th of November 2003.

This year is promising to be the best yet. From the UK confirmed are Linear Amp UK who will have a selection of amplifiers and mobile handsfree equipment on display. Yaesu UK will also be there with their newest equipment. Also to be confirmed are Icom UK.

All the regular traders including Long Communications, South East Communications as well as Compustore will be present.

There will be a demonstration of the EchoLink provided by the Limerick Radio Club and they hope to have the club station operational on HF for the day.

There will be tables available on the day for the casual trader. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Contact Paul EI6FE on 061-360122 or e-mail ei6fe@eircom.net. Please listen out for any further developments.

The Limerick Radio Club would like to thank all those who supported the club in the past. Without the support of the amateur radio community, there would be no rally.

Theory Examination in Mayo

The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network has arranged for a theory examination to be held in the county on Thursday evening February the 6th at 7.00 p.m. The session is open to members and non members alike, and anyone wishing to sit the test will need to book a place in advance. Bookings are handled by Brendan Minish EI6IZ, the MREN Secretary, telephone 094 23326.

The venue has not been confirmed as yet but is expected to be in a central location within the county. The examination will last three hours and candidates are asked to be at the venue by 6.30pm at the latest. Candidates are reminded that it is necessary to bring suitable identification on the night. The essay-type examination will follow established format and syllabus.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall EI7IS at QTHR or via e-mail cyberis@vodafone.ie. Items can also be sent to Mark over the phone at 087-6302026 or by fax at 087-5-6302026.

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